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THE FINISHING TOUCH

His face says it all: James Funk of Saskatoon crosses the finish line to win the Saskatchewan Marathon on Sunday. With the Saskatoon event marking the 20th race of his career, Funk said it's phenomenal to finish first for the first time — and to mark the achievement in his home town. More than 3,600 participants from around the world took part in the 36th annual marathon. Story, page 3. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Wildfire forces evacuation of northern town

Stanley Mission.
Hundreds find refuge
elsewhere as blaze
threatens community's
sole access road

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Officials have ordered an evacuation of Stanley Mission First Nation as a wildfire threatens the northern Saskatchewan community's only access road and power source.

More than 900 people were evacuated between Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 a.m. before crews ushered out approximately 600 more people from the area about 460 kilometres northeast of Saskatoon.

"Currently, we don't have an immediate threat on the

community," Steve Roberts, executive director of the province's wildfire branch, told media in a conference call on Sunday.

"In general, the fire proximity is within five to 10 kilometres of the community itself, but our main concern is having the sole access point cut off."

The largest of nine wildfires in Saskatchewan, the blaze north of Stanley Mission is said to cover about 4,000 hectares.

To help crews trying to stop the fire from reaching the road, response teams and aircraft have joined the battle.

Saskatchewan's water bombers are fighting the blaze out of La Ronge, about 80 kilometres away, and the province has ordered further aerial support from Ontario.

"The community always pulls together and the surrounding communities come together to help," said Tammy

Cook-Searson, chief of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band, which represents Stanley Mission.

"We're hoping today that everything goes well, but we still have the threat of the fire crossing the road and closing off access."

Evacuees are being housed across Saskatchewan. About 400 people are at the Henk Ruys Soccer Centre and hotels in Saskatoon, while 90 people are at hotels in La Ronge and Prince Albert. Another 430 are with friends and family members across those three centres.

Deanna Wysokey, provincial co-ordinator of emergency social services, said the government is able to accommodate 1,100 more people if needed.

Emergency liaison crews were sent in on Wednesday after two fires, one of which has since been brought under control, approached the community.



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Ryan Cey, general manager of the Saskatoon Ultimate Discsport Society, says his organization will probably benefit from the city's new recreation and parks master plan. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Master plan to guide sport, recreation

Assessment. City eyes strategy for growth and infrastructure development



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City hall's development of a recreation and parks master plan is aimed at guiding Saskatoon's future in sports and leisure activities.

At a recent council meeting, the city voted to award RC Strategies a contract worth approximately \$141,000 to develop the strategy that will assess recreational infrastructure and plan for growth.

As fringe sports such as bike polo, disc games and cricket become more popular, the city's director of community development says the plan will identify what should be accommodated.

"We want it to set a long-range vision," said Lynne

Lacroix. "It's about doing a more comprehensive needs assessment in general, so hearing from the community."

"We're growing not only in numbers, but those numbers — the makeup of Saskatoon — are from different parts of the world."

The master plan will build off a foundation established under the city's public recreation policy plan, which was completed in 1996.

Ryan Cey, general manager of the Saskatoon Ultimate

Discsport Society, says the master plan will benefit his organization. The sport of ultimate, he said, wouldn't have been on the city's radar when it developed its first recreational plan.

"As a relatively new group to Saskatoon and a new sport overall," he said, "I think it has nothing but a positive impact."

City administrators expect a draft of the plan to be ready next February and to have it before council later next year.

Crime

Men attacked with bear spray

City police are investigating after four men were attacked with bear spray at a home on the 2200 block of 20th Street West early Sunday.

At about 1 a.m., police responded to a report of five men entering a residence and spraying its four occupants.

Police said all the assailants are of First Nations descent and that the motive for the attack was unknown.

The victims, all in their late 30s or 40s, were treated on scene and didn't go to a hospital.

No further descriptions of the assailants could be provided, police said.

No arrests had been made. **METRO**

Crime

Three hurt at 'party gone wrong' in pit

Two people have been taken into custody after a fight at what authorities are calling a "pit party" near the Regional Psychiatric Centre.

Shortly after midnight on Sunday, officers responded to a disturbance related to what police are describing as a "party gone wrong" in a gravel pit near Central Avenue.

Two men, ages 18 and 19, and a 16-year-old boy were taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries including stab wounds and cuts.

Police have arrested an 18-year-old man and a 17-year-old boy on assault and weapons-related offences, but charges have not yet been laid. **METRO**



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Home-town hero for Saskatchewan Marathon

'First win.' Saskatoon's James Funk finishes first of about 200 runners in the full-marathon portion of the event

Organizers are calling the 36th annual Saskatchewan Marathon a success after more than 3,600 participants took on the course for its five events.

For marathon winner James Funk, 43, Sunday's race enabled him to reach an achievement he had long been striving for.

Funk, a teacher at Aden Bowman Collegiate in Saskatoon, has ran 20 marathons. Despite tough competition from last year's winner, Brian Michasiw, he holds the title for 2014.

"It's my first win though, so it's really exciting," Funk told reporters after the race.

"I was thinking I've got to stop now, because this is hard to beat."

His time of two hours and 49 minutes was slower than his personal best by seven minutes.

"I knew it wasn't a (personal best) day — just the training wasn't there. I haven't done as much speed work," he explained.

"But I was hoping to have a good time, and usually you run against yourself ... and when you get a result like this, it's just the icing on the cake."

Race co-director Shad Ali said he's thrilled with the participation this year, noting that more than 350 volunteers helped organize and execute the event.

"It's been an amazing show of support," Ali said.

"It's a testament to the community, it's a testament to the Saskatoon Road Runners Association and to our sponsors like Brainsport and PotashCorp," he said.

"When you get these guys out, they help us do what we need to do to keep the runners safe and give them a pleasant experience."

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO



Participants bolt from the starting line near Diefenbaker Park in Saskatoon to begin the Saskatchewan Marathon on Sunday. Inset, a runner celebrates her completion of the race. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Saskatoon public wants a voice in city's new website

Residents of Saskatoon have made it clear they want a say in the city's new website.

The website is expected to launch in November, and project manager Rob Gilhuly says more than 100 people have registered to test a prototype in the coming weeks.

"The numbers have been really good, considering we haven't really promoted it much," Gilhuly said of the public engagement website, which will help shape the new Saskatoon.ca for which the city has budgeted \$1.15 million.

"We can say what we'd

like it to be," he added. "But the most important thing is to get a lot of people involved to tell us what they think it should be like."

Coun. Charlie Clark, who represents Ward 6, has called for better communication from the city following a January power-outage.

He said the number of people who have registered to test the site shows the extent to which the public is turning to digital platforms for information.

"We certainly have a lot of evidence already that Saskatoon has a very high online user presence,"

Clark said.

"You have to make all of that information organized in a way that's accessible and clear to people," he added.

"The better job we do, the better people can understand how the city operates and we can get information

out to people that they're struggling to find right now."

Working with Zu, a Saskatoon-based digital design agency, the city wants thousands of residents to provide feedback before the website is running.

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Xinjiang bombing bares China's ethnic divisions

Growing gap. Terror activity highlights split between minorities and ethnic Chinese in northwest capital

Yang Bin and Chen Li stand out in their neighbourhood in the capital of China's Muslim northwest. The couple from the country's Han ethnic majority live surrounded by minority Uighurs, but have little to do with their neighbours.

"We don't speak their language, so we don't interact with them at all," Yang, a labourer, said of the Turkish-speaking Muslims. His wife added: "They are basically foreigners, and they behave like foreigners."

State media say ethnic Chinese and minorities mix easily in Urumqi, capital of the Xinjiang region. But interviews with



A Chinese man, right, sits behind an ethnic Uighur woman inside a public bus in Urumqi, China. State media says the groups mix easily, but residents interviewed after last week's bombing say the situation is tense. ANDY WONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

more than two dozen residents following Thursday's bombing at a vegetable market in the city that killed at least 43 people sug-

gest a harsher reality in which the two groups regard each other across a tense gulf of misunderstanding and suspicion.

Relations have deteriorated since rioting in 2009 left nearly 200 people dead. Both groups are moving out of ethnically

mixed neighbourhoods, making an already divided city of 3 million even more segregated.

The tensions raise questions about how Beijing can defuse mounting unrest that Uighur activists say is due to frustration over an influx of Han Chinese and discriminatory policies such as a ban on taking children to mosques.

"There is greater discontent now and recognition that the Uighur character of the region is being irretrievably lost," Ahmed A.S. Hashim, a terrorism expert at Singapore's Nanyang Technical University, said in an email.

"Chinese promises to develop (the economy) and provide jobs don't seem to have panned out," Hashim said.

In Thursday's attack, men in two off-road vehicles rammed through crowds at the popular street market in central Urumqi and set off explosives.

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'Kill Jews.' Town votes to choose a new name

Voters in the tiny Spanish village of Castrillo Matajudios, whose name means "Camp Kill Jews," overwhelmingly decided Sunday that it's time to change the name their town has had for nearly four centuries.

Mayor Lorenzo Rodriguez said the vote was 29-19 for the village with just 56 registered voters about 260 kilometres (160 miles) north of Madrid.

Documents show the town's original name was Castrillo Matajudios, meaning "Jews' Hill Camp." The "Kill Jews" part of the name dates from 1627, more than a century after a 1492 Spanish royal edict ordering Jews to become Catholics or flee the country. Those who remained faced the Spanish inquisition, with many burned at the stake.

Although Jews were killed in the area, researchers believe the town got its current name from Jewish residents who converted to Catholicism and wanted to reinforce their repudiation of Judaism to convince Spanish authorities of their loyalty, Rodriguez said. Others suspect the change came from a slip of the pen.

Castrillo Matajudios wants to attract more tourists and townsfolk thought highlighting its Jewish past could help. Some residents are also embarrassed by the name.

Although no Jews live in the town now, Rodriguez said many residents have ancient Jewish roots and the town's official shield has a Star of David.

Spain's government earlier this year apologized to Jews by offering citizenship to descendants of those who were forced to flee centuries ago.

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Saudi and Yemeni officers in on human trafficking: Report

Human Rights Watch released a new report on Sunday that documents the desperate conditions of people who fled poverty and armed conflict in Africa, only to be abused at the hands of human traffickers who have the backing and active support of some state security officers in Yemen and Saudi Arabia.

The 82-page report, titled "Yemen's Torture Camps: Abuse of Migrants by Human Traffickers in a Climate of Im-

punity", urged Yemeni and Saudi border officials to do more to prosecute smugglers and to protect migrants from abuse, rape and extortion at the hands of traffickers.

Tens of thousands of Africans make the perilous boat journey from the Horn of Africa across the Gulf of Aden to Yemen, the Arab world's most impoverished nation. From there, the African men, women and children cross illegally into Saudi Arabia in search of work

and better living conditions.

The report found that some border guards and security forces in Yemen and Saudi Arabia take bribes to either turn a blind eye, and in other cases to actively play a role in the trafficking. According to traffickers and migrants interviewed by Human Rights Watch, security officials in Yemen and Saudi Arabia have caught migrants travelling on their own and sold them to traffickers.

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Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Motel shooting kills three

Three people were killed and a fourth person was wounded in a shooting at an oceanfront motel in Myrtle Beach, one of South Carolina's most popular tourist destinations.

The shootings took place around 11 p.m. Saturday in front of crowds of tourists at the Bermuda Sands Motel along the beach's new boardwalk, Myrtle Beach Police Capt. David Knipes said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hospital crisis

U.S. Congress presses veteran affairs secretary

The chairman of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees on Sunday decried long waits and backlogs at the nation's VA hospitals but stopped short of calling for the resignation of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki.

The Veterans Administration faces allegations of delays and falsified records. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Low voter turnout in the east

Rebels close polling stations

The question of who was able to vote Sunday loomed large over the democratic process. Some 35.5 million Ukrainians were eligible to vote, but separatists in the eastern Donetsk and Luhansk regions — which have 5.1 million voters — said they would not hold the vote because they are no longer part of Ukraine.

The regional administration in Donetsk said only 426 of 2,430 polling stations in the region were open Sunday, and none in the city of Donetsk. There was no voting in the city of Luhansk either, but some stations were open in the wider Luhansk region.

Fighting broke out Sunday in the Luhansk town of Novoiar. Sergei Melnichuk, a Ukrainian army battalion commander in Novoiar, said about 50 armed pro-Russia rebels attacked a polling station trying to seize ballots but government forces thwarted the move and captured 13 rebels. The Interfax-Ukraine news agency quoted the deputy interior minister as saying one person was killed and another injured in the fighting. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



A woman cries after hugging a pro-Russian gunman in Lenin square in Donetsk, eastern Ukraine, Sunday. **VADIM GHIRDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ukraine's decision day

Presidential election.

Billionaire chocolate magnate pledges to 'bring peace to the Ukrainian land'

An exit poll showed that billionaire candy-maker Petro Poroshenko won Ukraine's presidential election Sunday in the first round — a vote that authorities hoped would unify the deeply fractured nation.

The ballot took place amid weeks of fighting in the sprawling eastern regions that form Ukraine's industrial heartland, where pro-Russia separatists have seized government buildings and battled government troops. The rebels had vowed to block the ballot in the east — and less than 20 per cent of the polling stations were open there.

Long lines of voters snaked around polling stations in Kyiv, the pro-Western capital, but heavily armed pro-Russia rebels in eastern Ukraine intimidated locals by smashing ballot boxes, shutting down polling centres and issuing threats.

The exit poll for Sunday's election, conducted by three respected Ukrainian survey



A Ukrainian soldier, with his daughter, casts a ballot during voting in the presidential election at a polling station in the village of Kovryi in western Ukraine, Sunday. Inset: Ukrainian presidential candidate Petro Poroshenko speaks to press at a polling station in Kyiv, Sunday. **PETRO ZADOROZHNYI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; INSET: SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

agencies, found the 48-year-old candy tycoon Poroshenko getting 55.9 per cent of the vote.

At a distant second was former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko with 12.9 per cent, the poll showed. Full results are expected Monday in the election that could be a critical step toward resolving Ukraine's protracted crisis.

"The country has got a new

president," a confident and composed Poroshenko told several hundred journalists at his election headquarters. "I would like to thank everyone for the support that the Ukraine has showed today for me and my team."

The tycoon pledged that his first steps as president will be "to put an end to war, chaos, crime and to bring peace to

the Ukrainian land." He also said his first visit would be to Donbass, Ukraine's eastern industrial region.

Poroshenko ducked the question whether he was prepared to work with Russian President Vladimir Putin but said Kyiv would like to negotiate a new security treaty with Moscow.

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Thai military threatens action on protesters



Soldiers drive away a van carrying an unidentified Thai woman as anti-coup protesters, right, attempted to harm her during a demonstration in Bangkok, Thailand, Sunday. **WASON WANICHAKORN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Thailand's ruling military council stiffened its warnings Sunday against protests over its takeover of power, with its patience apparently wearing thin over demonstrations that have been growing in size and boldness.

The warning came a day before the coup leader, Army Commander Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha, was expected to receive the king's endorsement formalizing his status as head of government.

After that, it's anticipated Prayuth may announce plans

for reshaping Thailand's political scene with an interim constitution to replace the one scrapped by the army after Thursday's coup, and an appointed legislative body.

After three days of tense but mostly nonviolent confrontations between protesters and security forces, a spokesman for the ruling National Council for Peace and Order warned that officials may need to strictly enforce an army-imposed law that prohibits people from demonstrating against the coup.

Hinting that the army was

ready to cast off restraint, Col. Winthai Suvaree said that in case of clashes in which losses or injuries incur, no compensation can be claimed because the country is under martial law.

"I want fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters to warn their families that there is no benefit in coming out to oppose (the coup)," Winthai told reporters.

On Sunday, protesters against the coup appeared to number as many as 2,000, growing from a few hundred on Friday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Military custody

The military has sought to limit the protests by detaining figures who might play leadership roles.

- The junta has defended the detentions of former prime minister Yingluck Shinawatra, most of the deposed government's cabinet, and dozens of politicians and activists.

Exit polls

EU Parliament shifts to the right

Exit polls show the far right and Euroskeptics have made sweeping gains in European Parliament elections, signalling a major political shift toward parties that want to slash the European Union's powers or abolish it altogether.

Polls in recent days had

predicted Euroskeptics could snag as many as a third of the seats in the EU's 751-seat legislature in the vote ending Sunday.

One of the most significant winners appeared to be France's far-right National Front. Two polling companies said Sunday that the party, led by Marine Le Pen, was the outright winner in France with one-quarter of the popular vote. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Egypt

Interim president promises fair election

Egypt's interim president urged Egyptians on Sunday to come out and vote in this week's presidential election, saying the vote will shape the nation's future.

In a televised address,

Adly Mansour also sought to assure Egyptians that state institutions, including his office, would not interfere in the Monday and Tuesday voting.

"Let us all come out tomorrow and the day after to express our free choice. Choosing, without being guided or dictated to, the person we trust to have the ability to build and run the nation," Mansour said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sweden

Feminist party enters EU Parliament

Exit polls by Sweden's public broadcaster SVT shows the country's Feminist Initiative Party entering the European Parliament for the first time.

Poll results from SVT Sunday suggested seven

per cent of Swedes back the feminist party, which wants to boost the rights of women and minorities in the European Union. The party has presented itself as counterweight to EU right-wing movements with the slogan "Replace the racists with feminists!"

The poll showed far-right Sweden democrats with seven per cent support compared to 3.3 per cent in 2009. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Jamaica

Lobbyists urge government to decriminalize pot

Lobbyists in Jamaica are urging the government to move quickly to decriminalize pot and establish a local medical marijuana industry.

The Cannabis Commercial and Medicinal Research Taskforce organized a three-day conference on marijuana decriminalization with Jamaica's largest university. It ended Saturday.

On Sunday, the lobbyists issued a 12-point roadmap they want the government to follow. They assert Jamaica can significantly benefit from cannabis commercialization.

Pot has been pervasive but outlawed in Jamaica for a century. But with some successes by the legalization movement around the globe, there's a growing push to lift restrictions on the Caribbean island. Some cabinet ministers have publicly taken up the idea, but the government has provided little indication of its thinking on the issue.

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Jewish Museum attack. Belgium launches manhunt for suspect

Belgium launched a nationwide hunt Sunday for a lone gunman who walked into the Jewish Museum, unpacked a Kalashnikov rifle, killed four people with a short burst of fire, packed up and briskly walked away.

Saturday's attack led Belgian officials to raise anti-terror measures and increase the protection for Jewish sites for what was widely seen as an anti-Semitic attack. It happened on the eve of Belgium's nationwide election and as voters across the continent picked a new European Parliament.

Video of the attack showed an athletic man with a cap walking with determination into the small Jewish Museum in the swank Sablon area. He quickly carried out what was apparently a preplanned attack. The assault took a minute at most.

The fourth victim died Sun-

day afternoon, according to a government official who asked not to be identified because the news had not yet been officially announced.

No one has claimed responsibility for the killings. Leaders from Belgium and France, Pope Francis, Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu and others condemned the cold-blooded attack.

"We call on the whole population to help identify this person," deputy prosecutor Ine Van Wymersch said Sunday before three separate videos and still photos of the attack were posted on the federal police website. None have a clear view of the man's face.

She said the gunman who killed an Israeli tourist couple, a French woman and a Belgian man "probably acted alone, was armed and well prepared."

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A boy looks at candles and flowers at the entrance of the Jewish Museum in Brussels, Sunday. YVES LOGGHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A man holding flowers near a makeshift memorial is seen behind flower-filled bullet holes in the windows of the IV Deli on Sunday in Isla Vista, Calif.

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Rampage previewed in resentful videos

California college killings. Shooter left six dead and 13 wounded

In YouTube videos and a long written manifesto, Elliot Rodger aired his contempt for everyone from his roommates to the whole human race, reserving special hate for two groups: the women he says kept him a virgin for all of his 22 years, and the men they chose instead.

Authorities said he put that bitterness into action in a stabbing and shooting rampage Friday night across the seaside California college town of Isla Vista that killed two young women and four men, at least half of them students at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Thirteen people were injured.

Rodger then apparently shot and killed himself inside the black BMW he used in the violence, authorities said Saturday.

The rampage played out largely as he laid it out in the public postings, including a YouTube video where he sits in the BMW in sunset light and appears to be acting out

scripted lines and planned laughs.

"I'll take great pleasure in slaughtering all of you," Rodger, the son of a Hollywood director who worked on The Hunger Games, says in the video posted Friday and taken down by YouTube Saturday with a message saying it violated the site's terms of service.

"I don't know why you girls are so repulsed by me," he says in the video, describing his loneliness and frustration at never having had sex with or even kissed a girl. "I am polite. I am the ultimate gentleman. And yet, you girls never give me a chance. I don't know why."

Of the men he sees as rivals, he said: "I deserve girls much more than all those slob," and that after his rampage "you will finally see that I am, in truth, the superior one, the true alpha male."

Sheriff Bill Brown, appearing on CNN on Sunday, said that investigators are tying up a few ends, but "for the most part, I think, we have a pretty clear picture of what happened."

The first three killed Friday were male stabbing victims in Rodger's own apartment whose names have not been released, Brown said

Saturday.

Then, at about 9:30 p.m., the citywide shooting and vehicle-ramming rampage began.

His first stop was the Alpha Phi sorority, which he had called "the hottest sorority of UCSB."

"I know exactly where their house is and I've sat outside it in my car to stalk them many times," Rodger wrote in his extensive manifesto titled My Twisted World.

No one answered the door after one to two minutes of aggressive pounding, but he soon shot three women who were standing nearby, killing two of them, 19-year-old Veronika Weiss and 22-year-old Katherine Cooper.

He then drove to a deli where he walked inside and shot and killed another UC Santa Barbara student, 20-year-old Christopher Michaels-Martinez, the sheriff said.

"Chris was a really great kid," Michaels-Martinez's father said at a news conference where he choked back tears and eventually collapsed to his knees in agony. "Ask anyone who knew him. His death has left our family lost and broken."

Michaels-Martinez was the last one killed, but the

rampage would continue as Rodger drove across Isla Vista, shooting at some and running down others with his car, twice exchanging gunfire with deputies. He was shot in the hip, but the gunshot to the head that killed him was thought to be self-inflicted, Brown said.

Thirteen people were injured, eight from gunshot wounds, four from the vehicle and one whose origin wasn't clear. Just four of the injuries were considered serious. Brown told CNN on Sunday that investigators were still finalizing next-of-kin notifications and positive identifications.

Deputies found three semi-automatic handguns with 400 unspent rounds in his black BMW. All were purchased legally.

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Police warned: Lawyer

According to the Rodgers' lawyer, the family warned the police about the videos. Deputies visited Rodger last month after being alerted by local health officials, who had been in touch with the family. They concluded he posed no threat.

Dead celebs are 'saints' of today's consumer culture, says researcher

A researcher at the University of Waterloo, Ont., is suggesting that dead celebrities have, in some ways, become the "saints" of today's consumer culture.

PhD candidate Kathleen Riddell says that just as people in the Middle Ages identified with the saints of the Catholic Church, many people today identify with dead celebrities, whose images and ideals are frequently mass-marketed.

Riddell is presenting a paper on dead celebrity fandom at the 2014 Congress of the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences at Brock University in St Catharines, Ont.

Her thesis focuses on the impact of three late great musicians: John Lennon, Johnny Cash and Jimi Hendrix.

Riddell says that much like saints, dead celebs can create communities around the ideals they were associated with while they were alive — Lennon's peace activism being a notable example.

She says that of the three



John Lennon is pictured in a file photo. A researcher at the University of Waterloo is suggesting that dead celebrities have, in some ways, become the "saints" of today's consumer culture. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

celebrities she's studying, Lennon and Cash seem to have the most devout followers.

Riddell quotes one fan as saying that "everyone has their own personal Johnny, like everyone has their own personal Jesus."

She is also quick to point out, however, that she isn't suggesting the cult of dead celebrities will replace traditional

religion, as fans are often members of traditional religious communities.

"It's not a replacement for traditional religion. It's more about ideals. We wrap our values into them, our ideals and our struggles," she said.

"They are presentable because they are in a neat attractive package, a cultural product." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pope expresses solidarity with Palestinians

Holy Land pilgrimage.

'I am with you,' Pope Francis told children at Dheisheh refugee camp in Bethlehem

Pope Francis delivered a powerful boost of support to the Palestinians during a Holy Land pilgrimage Sunday, repeatedly backing their statehood aspirations, praying solemnly at Israel's controversial separation barrier and calling the stalemate in peace efforts "unacceptable."

In an unscripted move, Francis arranged a meeting between the Israeli and Palestinian presidents at the Vatican next month. The meeting, while largely symbolic, shows how the Pope has sought to transform his immensely popular appeal into a moral force for peace.

On the second day of a three-day swing through the region, the Pope arrived in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christianity, before heading to Israel for the final leg of his visit.

While Francis mingled warmly with his Israeli hosts, his trip to Bethlehem included the day's most powerful images as he expressed sympathy and solidarity with the Palestinians.

"I am with you," he told a group of Palestinian children at a stop in Bethlehem's Dheisheh refugee camp.

Even the Pope's arrival in



Pope Francis is greeted as he arrives to meet children at the Dheisheh refugee camp near the town of Bethlehem on Sunday. VINCENZO PINTO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bethlehem — by helicopter straight from Jordan — carried important symbolic significance. Past papal visits to the West Bank have come through Israel, which captured the territory in the 1967 Mideast war.

Palestinian officials hailed Francis' decision to refer to the "state of Palestine." In its official program, the Vatican referred to President Mahmoud Abbas as the president of the "state of Palestine," and his Bethlehem office as the "presidential palace."

Jubilant Palestinians cheered Francis as he arrived in Bethlehem's Manger Square, shouting "Viva al-Baba!" or "Long live the Pope!"

Giant Palestinian flags in red, white, green and black and the Vatican's yellow-and-white

flags decorated the square.

"Coming to Bethlehem and flying to Bethlehem from Jordan shows solidarity with the Palestinian people, which is wonderful. We need that," said Samar Sakkakin, a 52-year-old Palestinian American from Canton, Mich.

Standing alongside Abbas at a welcome ceremony, Francis declared: "The time has come to put an end to this situation, which has become increasingly unacceptable."

Francis' arrival came weeks after the latest round of U.S.-backed peace talks collapsed.

Abbas said he would welcome papal intervention. "We welcome any initiative from you to make peace a reality in the Holy Land," Abbas said.

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Poland

The general in tinted glasses dies

Poland's last communist leader, the general in tinted glasses, died Sunday at age 90 after a long struggle with cancer.

Born into a patriotic and Catholic Polish milieu, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski and his family were deported to Siberia by the Red Army during the Second World War. Despite his suffering at Soviet hands, Jaruzelski faithfully imposed Moscow's will on his subjugated nation until communism crumbled across the region in 1989. Poland is deeply divided over whether to view Jaruzelski as a traitor or as a patriot who made an agonizing decision to spare the country the bloodshed of a Soviet invasion.

Jaruzelski stirs up these emotions for his defining act: his 1981 imposition of martial law, a harsh crack-down aimed at crushing the pro-democracy Solidarity movement founded earlier by Lech Walesa.

"Those times were complicated; I'm leaving the assessment to God," Walesa said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Shark fishing in Indonesia

A worker weighs a shark in Banyuwangi, Indonesia, on Sunday. Indonesia has become one of the major exporters of meat and shark fins in the world. The Indonesian government is tightening regulations for the fishing of sharks and manta rays, which are now included in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. ROBERTUS PUDIYANTO/GETTY IMAGES



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Jailed in Iran. Ex-U.S. Marine to seek new trial

A former U.S. Marine convicted of criminal charges in Iran after being accused of working for the CIA will appeal for yet another trial, his lawyer said Sunday.

Amir Hekmati, a dual U.S.-Iranian citizen, was arrested in August 2011, then tried, convicted and sentenced to death for spying. However, Iran's Supreme Court annulled the death sentence after Hekmati appealed, ordering a retrial in 2012. The Revolutionary Court then overturned his conviction for espionage, instead charging him with "co-operating with hostile governments" and sentenced him to 10 years.

The lawyer said he is optimistic since he has argued that the United States is not considered a hostile government by Iran's top security body, the Supreme National Security Council. Iran only



Amir Hekmati, a former U.S. Marine held in Iran for the past two years on accusations of spying for the CIA. COURTESY HEKMATI FAMILY VIA FREEAMIR.ORG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

considers Israel a hostile government, officially. He said if the court accepts the reasoning "there will remain no conviction that would justify such a heavy punishment."

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Cabbie shot. Teen questioned as witness to triple homicide

A 16-year-old boy charged with fatally shooting a Pennsylvania cab driver who didn't take his preferred route was interviewed as a witness to a triple homicide in New Jersey last year, police said.

Aazis Richardson was charged with murder Friday night, hours after 47-year-old cab driver Vincent Darbenzio was found shot twice in the head in Scranton. Police said Richardson had complained that the driver was "taking the long way and ripping him off."

Police said a woman at a Scranton house had called the cab for Richardson, and they were able to trace the call back to the residence.

Quoted

"That's what I do to people who don't listen"

Aazis Richardson, 16, in response to reporters who asked him, after he was arraigned Friday night, why he shot the cab driver

Richardson told police he was a gang member and claimed he had been a suspect in a Newark triple homicide, authorities said.

But a Newark detective said police had interviewed Richardson as a witness to the Christmas slayings of three teenagers, but he wasn't a suspect. A 15-year-old was arrested in that case.

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U.S. President Barack Obama greets troops at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, during an unannounced visit on Sunday. EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama drops in on U.S. troops in Afghanistan

Nearly 13 years of fighting. U.S. president said continued military presence could help protect gains made

the people of Afghanistan will endure," he pledged.

Speaking to troops on the sprawling Bagram Air Field military base, north of Kabul, Obama said the war had reached a pivotal point, with Afghan forces assuming primary responsibility for their country's security. Many of the 32,800 U.S. forces now in Afghanistan will leave in the coming months.

"After all the sacrifices we've made, we want to preserve the gains you have helped to win," Obama said.

Obama appeared optimistic that the Afghan government soon would sign a

Quoted

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U.S. President Barack Obama, speaking to U.S. troops while on a visit to Afghanistan.

bilateral security agreement allowing the U.S. to keep some forces in the country to train Afghans and launch counterterrorism operations.

He has been considering keeping up to 10,000 troops in Afghanistan and said he would announce his plans shortly.

Obama secretly arrived at Bagram Air Field, the main

U.S. base in Afghanistan, under the cover of darkness for his first trip to the war zone since 2012. He was spending just a few hours on the base and had no plans to go to Kabul, the capital, to meet with Hamid Karzai, the mercurial president who has had a tumultuous relationship with the White House.

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Study looks at hitchhiking on Highway of Tears



Highway 16, pictured near Prince George, B.C., is known as the Highway of Tears because of its grim history. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hitchhiking season is well underway in northern British Columbia, and that means Prof. Jacqueline Holler regularly drives by people hoping for a lift along Highway 16, not far from her home in the Prince George area.

For some people living in the region, where a grim history of missing and murdered women has earned Highway 16 the nickname the Highway of Tears, thumbing rides is a fact of life.

Holler is currently working with the RCMP to study hitchhiking in northern B.C.

When they're finished, she hopes to better understand what leads people to choose hitchhiking and what governments can do to make them safer — either by offering safe, affordable transportation options or putting in measures to make hitchhiking itself less dangerous.

At least 18 women and girls, many of them aboriginal, have been murdered or disappeared along Highway 16 and the adjacent Highways 5 and 97 since 1969.

The RCMP approached Holler and her colleagues

about the possibility of studying hitchhiking, and they officially launched the project in September 2012.

Holler and her fellow researchers developed an online survey to ask hitchhikers about themselves and their experiences, while the RCMP has directed its traffic officers in the north to stop and gather information from hitchhikers they come across.

At the same time, several commercial courier companies installed GPS devices in their trucks to allow drivers to indicate where they see

hitchhikers with the press of a button.

Holler said the project has recorded a diverse group of hitchhikers that range in age from their mid-teens to their 70s. Some say they hitchhike out of necessity, while others say they actually prefer it as a way to get around.

Aboriginals appear to be overrepresented, said Holler, likely because many First Nations people live in remote communities and may not have the resources to afford a car.

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The right to be forgotten vs. the First Amendment

Privacy. An American is pinning the recent court ruling on search-engine results on 'prissy European sensibilities'

Europe's moves to rein in Google — including a court ruling this month ordering the search giant to give people a say in what pops up when someone searches their name — may be seen in Brussels as striking a blow for the little guy.

But across the Atlantic, the idea that users should be able to edit Google search results in the name of privacy is being slammed as weird and difficult to enforce at best and a crackdown on free speech at worst.

"Americans will find their searches bowdlerized by prissy European sensibilities," said Stewart Baker, former assistant secretary for policy at



Europeans and Americans are facing off over a ruling on what pops up when your name is searched. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. "We'll be the big losers. The big winners will be French ministers who want the right to have their last mistress forgotten."

Mountain View, Calif.

based Google says it's still figuring out how to comply with the European Court of Justice's May 13 ruling, which says the company must respond to complaints about private information that turns

up in searches. Google must then decide whether the public's right to be able to find the information outweighs an individual's right to control it — with preference given to the individual. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Marketing. Sex sells, and so do punny names, for businesses building buzz

They taste a lot better than they sound.

If you have tried one of Angela Firman and Kathy Aldridge's Hot Cream Holes or stuffed your face with Maria and Claudio Santamaria's Bunz and Ballz, you know what I mean.

Yes, the names are sexual and that's no accident when you talk to the two ladies serving up hot donuts stuffed with

ice cream. They know just how well sex sells.

One might think risqué restaurant names to be a deterrent for foodies, but marketing expert Ian Capstick of MediaStyle said it can be enticing.

"One would assume that businesses that have these tongue-in-cheek names are also a little bit more fun to be around," he said.

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'Reducing bureaucracy'

Rogers cutting corner-office fat

There will be some reductions in the management ranks at Rogers Communications Inc. and a new focus on agility but no large-scale reductions are planned, the company's new chief executive says.

Among other things, Rogers will adopt a new organizational structure focused on consumer and business customers.

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Shopping

Feel like you're being followed?

You're not being paranoid. You are being tracked.

Analytics — finding patterns in recorded data — has long been a major part of e-commerce. Now, brick-and-mortar stores are tracking you, too. RetailNext uses algorithms to interpret data taken from surveillance video cameras and smartphone trackers installed inside some of North America's biggest retailers.

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Hot topic. Kid-friendly brands fuming mad about e-cigarette flavours

Owners of brands geared toward children of all ages are battling to keep notable names like Thin Mint, Tootsie Roll and Cinnamon Toast Crunch off the flavoured nicotine used in electronic cigarettes.

General Mills Inc., the Girl Scouts of the USA and Tootsie Roll Industries Inc. are among several companies that have sent cease-and-desist letters to makers of the liquid nicotine demanding they stop using the brands and may take further legal action if necessary. They want to make sure their brands aren't being used to sell an addictive drug or make it appealing to children.

The actions highlight the debate about the array of flavours available for the battery-powered devices that heat a liquid nicotine solution, creating vapour that users inhale. The Food and Drug Administration last month proposed regulating electronic cigarettes but didn't immediately ban on fruit or candy flavours,

which are barred for use in regular cigarettes because of the worry that the flavours are used to appeal to children.

It's growing pains for the industry that reached nearly \$2 billion US in sales last year in the face of looming regulation.

There are about 1,500 e-liquid makers in the U.S. and countless others abroad selling vials of nicotine from traditional tobacco to cherry cola on the Internet and in retail stores, often featuring photos of the popular treats. Using the brand name like Thin Mint or Fireball conjures up a very specific flavour in buyers' minds, in a way that just "mint chocolate" or "cinnamon" doesn't.

"Using the Thin Mint name — which is synonymous with Girl Scouts and everything we do to enrich the lives of girls — to market e-cigarettes to youth is deceitful and shameful," Girl Scouts spokeswoman Kelly Parisi said in a statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Flavoured electronic cigarettes have sparked anger, with the Girl Scouts calling the Thin Mint flavour "deceitful and shameless." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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APPLAUSE OWED TO OBSERVERS

Trying to find Sen. Raynell Andreychuk in the thick of Sunday's Ukrainian election was as difficult as trying to secure democracy in a nation that has seen political struggle after political struggle for generations.

When the connection was finally made, it was understandable that Saskatchewan's senator hardly had time for an interview. It was nearly election day in Ukraine. And the senator's schedule did not leave a second to spare.

"It's changing hour by hour, day by day," Andreychuk said of the election.

"They need this vote to stabilize the country."

Andreychuk led Canada's observation missions for the 2010 and 2012 elections in Ukraine. She is leading this one as well, with former Ontario premier Mike Harris. Andreychuk says Ukrainians — in Canada and in



URBAN COMPASS

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Ukraine — are weary of crisis and simply want to get on.

If accepted and unchallenged, this vote will help restore the stability Kyiv needs. The country has had to bear confusion and dismay since its parliament ousted Viktor Yanukovich from the presidency on Feb. 22. Another crisis was triggered when Moscow stealthily annexed Crimea.

The outcome of this election is crucial. It will boost solidarity and pride, and perhaps shine a brighter, more hopeful light on the future. Faith for reform in Ukraine dimmed rapidly after the Orange Revolution of 2004. A recognition of Ukraine's solidarity now should optimistically ease tensions with Russia.

"There is a great Saskatchewan connection here," Andreychuk said.

Close to 400 election observers from Canada are witnessing this vote. Andreychuk said many have approached her

and spoke of Saskatchewan as one of the beacons for Ukrainian immigrants — now and over the generations. Indeed, many families homesteaded in this province.

Andreychuk, who hails from Saskatoon, is a lawyer, former judge and former ambassador. She is the chairwoman of foreign affairs and international trade.

Andreychuk has been an ideal representative for Canada in Ukraine, not only because of her roots, but because of the compassion she delivers for Ukrainians and Ukrainian-Canadians alike.

Comprehending the election results will be difficult.

There might have to be a second ballot in June. When I finished my observation mission in 2012, I was genuinely confused as to who had won — despite media reports and results, which made no sense at all.

For the observers who have taken time away from work or family, Andreychuk respects every last one of them.

"They're doing something significant, she said. "Especially for Ukraine."

Christina Cherneskey is news director at 620-CKRM in Regina

ZOOM

Glacier recedes at unglacial pace



The Athabasca glacier, part of the Columbia Icefields in Jasper National Park, Alta., is seen in moonlight during a long exposure this May. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Astonishing' rate of more than five metres a year

What's believed to be the most-visited glacier in North America is losing more than five metres of ice every year and is in danger of completely disappearing within a generation, says a Parks Canada manager.

The Athabasca Glacier is the largest of six ice sheets that form part of the Columbia Icefield in Jasper National Park.

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Passage of time leaves its mark

While it receives about seven metres of snowfall annually, the glacier has been slowly shrinking for about 150 years.

"It's astonishing," said John Wilmschurst, Jasper National Park's resource conservation manager.

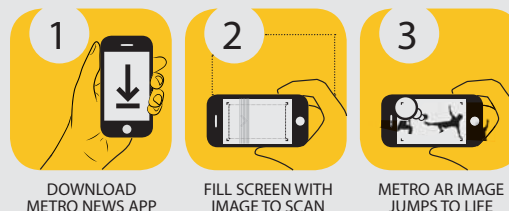
The passage of time is clearly visible at the ice sheet's base. Markers dating back as early as 1890 show the toe of the Athabasca Glacier has retreated 1.5 kilometres, leaving a moonscape of gravel and rock behind. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Climate change

A recent American state-of-the-union report has singled out the rapid melt of glaciers in British Columbia and Alaska as a major climate change issue, saying they are "shrinking substantially."

• "I think long term it's not good news at all," said Wilmschurst. "Absolutely the glacier will be gone. Not within my lifetime, probably, but maybe within my children's lifetime."

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Worth mentioning. PetMatch app aims to be a man's best friend

New phone app helps you find your perfect match ... if you're looking for a cat or dog, that is. The PetMatch app allows users to upload an image of a cute critter and then searches its database of animals that are almost identical, and up for adoption. The gizmo, launched by California startup Superfish, uses techy algorithms and patented image recognition technology to plot key characteristics (eyes, mouth and colour) to speed up the search process. Metro chats to co-founder Adi Pinhas about why pictures are worth a thousand words.

Did you start PetMatch because you needed to replace a dead pet?

(Laughs) No, it wasn't for that reason. We started with animals because it's a great news case study for a visual search. It demonstrates the technology in a way that shows that visual searches can be more fun and efficient than text searches. Rarely you know the name of a breed's name or how to search for it, so this app does the hard bit for you.

What else can you match up?

It can do lots of neat stuff. People are taking images of desserts in a restaurant and we can show them restaurants that are selling similar desserts. If you take a picture of a chair or piece of furniture, you can find a similar

style through the app.

Are you just trying to make life easier for people?

Yes, we are looking and we're thinking how can we make the camera a lot smarter. If someone wants a handbag or want to know the name of a flower, they can take a pic and find out its name and where it is available.

People will have to think less ...

Well, it's easier for you to connect with the world around you. Instead of opening Google and using keywords, you can take a pic. Why try to do it in keywords when you have a picture?

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A mind-blowing, definitive look at Mozart's music and genius, this ebook is astonishingly alive with sheet music, letters, paintings, timelines, and child prodigy performances. Seven leading scholars showcase his pianos and violins, his travels and influences, his family relationships and childish glee for "lavatory humour." There are hours of music, discussion, and short films, all so very humbling, surprising, and beautiful.

Box office

Newest X-Men opens strong

Fox-Marvel's X-Men: Days of Future Past debuted with \$91 million at the box office, beating last weekend's No. 1 hit, the Warner Bros. sci-fi adventure Godzilla, which opened last weekend.

Days of Future Past is the second-highest opener in the X-Men franchise.

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Young Canadian wows Cannes jury

Jury Prize. Xavier Dolan shares festival prize with legendary French filmmaker

Canadian director Xavier Dolan won the Jury Prize for his film Mommy at the Cannes Film Festival Saturday, sharing the honour with French filmmaker Jean-Luc Godard.

Dolan's film is a highly emotional drama starring Anne Dorval as the determined single mother of a violent and agitated 15-year-old son (Antoine-Olivier Pilon).

There were high hopes that Dolan would win the festival's top award, the prestigious Palme d'Or, but that honour went to the Turkish drama Winter Sleep.

Dolan was moved that he shared his prize with Godard, the 83-year-old film icon.

"What's beautiful in sharing a prize with Godard is that he, in a different era, tried to reinvent cinema and I like to think that we are in a moment where cinema is going in a different direction and I would be happy to be part of that."

Dolan, 25, was the youngest director at the festival, while Godard (Goodbye to Language), 83, was the oldest.

Dolan was very emotional when he went on stage, hav-



Montreal-born filmmaker Xavier Dolan THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ing to interrupt his speech a few times to regain his composure.

"The emotion that is sweeping over me as I think of this mythical room is overwhelming," he said.

"I am lost in gratitude

thinking of the recognition of the jury, the love we have felt over the last week, which has made me realize that we do this job to love and be loved in return."

He also seized the opportunity to urge his peers, in

Cannes

Saturday's 67th Cannes Film Festival's other big winners:

- Palme d'Or: Winter Sleep, Nuri Bilge Ceylan
- Best Director: Bennett Miller, Foxcatcher
- Best Actor: Timothy Spall in Mr. Turner
- Best Screenplay: Andrei Zvyagintsev and Oleg Negin for Leviathan

terms of age, to think big.

"There are no limits to our ambitions, other than those we impose upon ourselves and those that others impose upon us. Everything is possible for those who dream, who dare, who work and who never give up."

Telefilm Canada executive director Carolle Brabant, issued a statement congratulating Dolan for winning the award.

Dolan's list of films also include Heartbeats (Les Amours Imaginaires) (2010); Laurence Anyways (2012) and Tom at the Farm (Tom à la ferme) (2013).

The Montreal-born filmmaker began acting in commercials at age four, appeared in the TV movie Misericorde in 1994, and the divisive 2008 horror film Martyrs in 2008.

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Last Gang Records defies the odds

Ten-year anniversary.

Co-founder talks about the reluctant success of his Toronto indie label

Starting a record label in 2004 was, by Chris Taylor's own admission, "completely ridiculous."

"Everyone was like, 'Why are you starting a record label? Everybody's getting out of the record business. Nobody's getting in the record business,'" chuckles the well-regarded Toronto entertainment lawyer, who nevertheless ignored everyone's good advice and went ahead and started Last Gang Records 10 years ago this month.

Taylor had the last laugh on Thursday, as Last Gang — which has quietly sold more than two million records by the likes of Metric, Death From Above 1979, Crystal Castles, MSTRKRFT and numerous other notable indie names both Canadian and international over the past decade — cele-



Chris Taylor, a lawyer and founder of Last Gang Records, says he had no idea what he was doing when he started the label. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

brated its first double-digit birthday with a monster party featuring DJ sets by a healthy chunk of its roster: MSTRKRFT, Purity Ring, Ethan Kath of Crystal Castles, Huoratron, Electric Youth and many more.

Taylor originally founded

the imprint simply so his pals in Toronto's Metric could finally get a record out.

In his capacity as a lawyer, he'd managed to snag the band four different demo deals with major labels, only to see them rejected. And when Metric finally did sign with Restless Records in 2001, the label shut down before its debut album, *Grow Up and Blow Away*, could be released, demanding in excess of \$100,000 the band didn't have to get it back.

Frustrated, Taylor sheepishly told his wife he was taking \$35,000 of his own money to start a label, voyaged to the Pop Montreal festival and asked

Donald Tarlton, of Donald K. Donald Events and DKD Records notoriety, for help as a partner.

"I said, 'I'm starting a label, I have no idea what I'm doing,'" he recalls. "We shook hands and said, 'OK, let's go' ... That's how the label started. There was no business plan or design."

Last Gang's first release would be Metric's *Old World Underground, Where Are You Now?*, a critically hailed sleeper-hit that would eventually go gold in Canada and heralded platinum albums to come in Metric's *Live It Out* and *Fantasies*

Last Gang's greatest hits

Last Gang Records' five most successful releases to date, as so deemed by label founder Chris Taylor.

- **Metric, *Live It Out* (2005).** "The album that truly broke the band."
- **Death From Above 1979, *You're A Woman, I'm A Machine* (2004).** "A genre-bender that was adored by many, from Trent Reznor to Justice."
- **Crystal Castles, *Crystal Castles I* (2008).** "The world's biggest cult band had to eventually put out a first album."
- **Metric, *Old World Underground, Where Are You Now?* (2003)** "The album that started it all for the Last Gang nation."
- **Boys Noize, *Oi Oi Oi* (2007).** "Before the Sahara Tent and before 'EDM' was the fashion."

The label's second gold-album-to-be, Toronto hard-rock duo Death From Above 1979's *You're A Woman, I'm A Machine*, would follow in late 2004.

Neither band's success story was instant, however, and their ascents came only with a lot of patience, hard work and unwavering faith in the bands' potential to succeed on Last Gang's part.

"It was a trickle and it was a f—ing kick in the nuts every f—ing day, and you can quote me on that. It wasn't fun. It was money, money, money, money and time to get it going. Even Death from Above, it wasn't like: 'Here's Death From Above,' and the whole world freaks out," says Taylor.

Death From Above's abrupt breakup helped usher in the

second phase of Last Gang's existence when Taylor signed bassist Jesse Keeler's electronic project MSTRKRFT. The move signalled a prescient turn to dance music and electro-pop — Crystal Castles, Tiga, Chromeo, Boys Noize, Purity Ring et al. — that endures to this day, a moment in time when exactly that kind of music is all the rage. Indeed, Last Gang is currently enjoying "the biggest song we've ever had, bar none" in Chromeo's smash-hit single *Jealous (I Ain't With It)*.

Even Death From Above has a sure-to-be-huge second album on the way in the fall, part of a crowded Last Gang slate that also includes a highly anticipated new record from Vancouver's New Pornographers later this year.

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Quiet champions

"We have bands that come in here all the time and they say, 'You put that record out? You did that record?' And it's like, 'Yeah, we didn't write the songs, we didn't invent the bands, but we've done a lot of really cool things.'"

Chris Taylor, co-founder, Last Gang Records

Bry Webb flexes his free will on new album

When the Constantines elected to end their bar-busting run as one of rock's fiercest live bands, the decision was made in part because gravel-voiced frontman Bry Webb wanted to start a family.

And yet, if Webb's paternal instinct heralded the widely admired Toronto band's hiatus — and he calls himself the "instigator" of the split — it's now his son, Asa, who inspires him to make music at all.

"All the songs I'm writing and releasing are essentially for my son," said the thoughtful Webb recently over coffee at a west Toronto café. "That's how I'm justifying putting things out in the world at this point."

If Webb's solo debut, 2011's *Provider*, captured him in the throes of new-dad euphoria, the shrewdly observed follow-up *Free Will* (out this week) finds Webb broadening his

view, with some grime on the lens.

It is, in his own words, a less idealistic record, with the singer feeling "upset and guilty" about bringing a new person into a world that feels increasingly to him as if it's in disarray.

It's a topic Webb explores most explicitly on the austere *Let's Get Through Today*, which he calls an "apology for the world he's inheriting," but the theme is tackled from other angles elsewhere.

The crawling *Policy* is about the "inaccessibility" of democracy and the tendency for politicians to avoid divisive stances. Morning-dew stunner *AM Blues* is about the destructive effect distance can have on a personal life.

As on *Provider*, Webb tends toward uncluttered folk, with whispers of lap and pedal steel guitar imbuing gentle ele-

ments of country.

After the pure physicality of the Constantines' serrated rock, Webb admits that playing such quiet tunes onstage required adjustments. He's only recently become comfortable.

"I was always 10 times more nervous playing that kind of (solo) show than playing with the Cons," said Webb, lanky and tall with coarse curls piled atop his head. "There was a real comfort in the volume of that band."

With the recent news of the Constantines' re-formation for a few upcoming shows and the 11th anniversary rerelease of their landmark *Shine a Light*, Webb will again feel the comfort of a gusty amp at his back.

In the interim, he has Asa when yearning for a racket. Webb says his three-year-old son — "he's a threenager; that's what they call them on



Bry Webb's latest solo album, *Free Will*, finds the songwriter exploring more mature themes like parenthood and responsibility. CONTRIBUTED

the parenting forums," he says with a laugh — has proven adept at slamming on percussion, even if he otherwise doesn't have much patience for his dad's music.

"When I'm playing at home, I don't think he likes it at all," Webb said. "I'll sit and try to learn a song or something and he'll just keep saying, 'Stop.' Because I think in

No longer a rocker

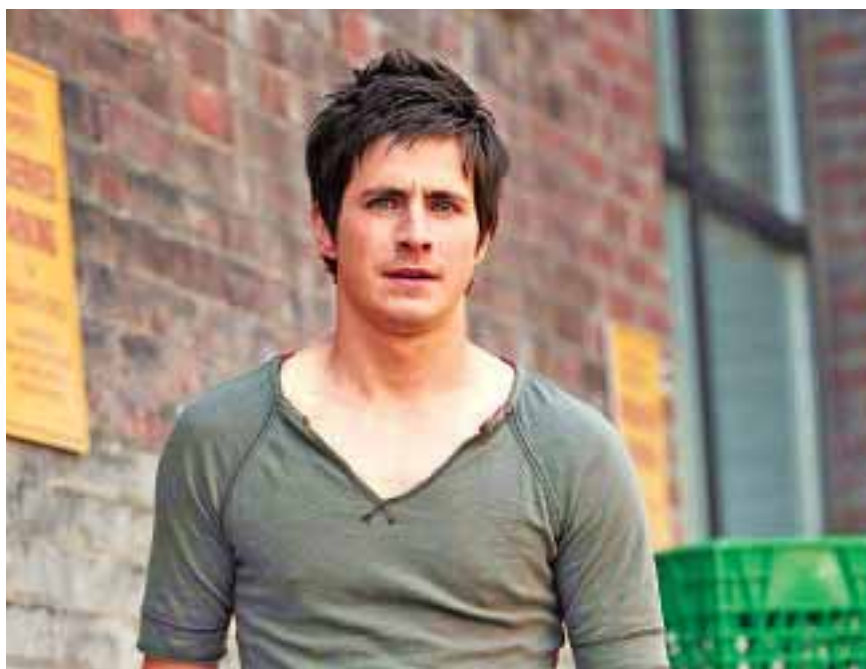
"Towards the end of the Cons ... I didn't have any perspective on loudness. So exploring the other end of the dynamic spectrum is good."

Bry Webb
on writing songs as a solo artist instead of with the Constantines

that moment he realizes I'm not paying attention to him.

"He's awesome to play music with, though," he added.

"Drums obviously are the (best) because it's the most instant feedback — instant and biggest feedback. So we have garbage cans and a giant marching band (drum). He loves sitting behind that. We'll just jam." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Craig Olejnik plays Toby Logan on CTV's *The Listener*. CTV

So a telepathic cop walks into a bar...

The Listener, season 5. 'Oz' opens a new pub and intuitive Toby has a lot on his plate

Every TV series evolves over five seasons. *The Listener*, however, has gone through more changes than a set of quintuplets.

The CTV drama, about a special forces cop who uses his intuitive powers to solve tricky crime cases, returns for a fifth season on Monday.

It wasn't always so easy to describe lead character Toby Logan (Craig Olejnik). Even in the new press kit, he's called a "telepathic former paramedic." This new season, we are told, is all about "a new boss, new baby and a new bar."

The new boss is really an old boss, Insp. Brian Becker (Anthony Lemke). He's returning to the Integrated Investigative Bureau (IIB) after a four-year absence. He's not exactly Toby's biggest fan, still blaming him for the death of his police partner and never sure what the deal is with his crime-fighting "spidey-sense"

— even though Logan is now a full-fledged and trained police officer.

The new baby belongs to Sgt. Michelle McCluskey (Lauren Lee Smith), on maternity leave from the IIB as the season starts. She's also now married to Adam, played by Kris Holden-Ried (*Lost Girl*).

The bar belongs to Osman "Oz" Bey, played by Ennis Esmer. When the series started, he was Toby's best friend and good-natured paramedic partner. Now he's switching careers from hospital administration to bartender/owner of the popular gastropub Pasazade.

It's on the large and modern Pasazade set — housed in the new home of *The Listener*, Toronto's mammoth Pinewood Studios — where the cast and producers have gathered to promote season 5.

Esmer is literally working the bar. The 35-year-old points out that only one of the many bottles of liquor behind the bar contains real booze — and he knows which one. A native of Turkey, he also recommended the west-end Toronto caterer who had Turkish delight spread out on the bar for visiting reporters.

Watch it

- The fifth season of *The Listener* airs tonight on CTV at 9 p.m. EDT/PDT

Canadian TV actors tend to have comedy mixed with drama in their resumés — it's their only way to make a living.

Esmer definitely plays both sides of the fence, training at Toronto's Second City and stand-up comedy clubs, hosting the short-lived local music/variety series *The Toronto Show* and eventually specializing in comic relief roles on dramas such as *The L.A. Complex*. He's received more attention for his role in last year's indie production *Sex After Kids*.

An ever-changing role and a schedule on *The Listener* allowed Esmer to juggle his day job with these other projects, including one stint as comic co-host (with Jonathan Torrens) of *Wipeout Canada*. He hopes this left turn into the bar is a *Listener* move that will stick.

The Shaftesbury producers put the new bar set to good use this season. Toronto's brutal winter forced the cast and crews back indoors as scenes were rewritten to escape the snow. As a result, season 5 finds several cast members sorting out their police and private life back at Oz's bar.

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Quoted

"It's this soft science-fiction procedural, and then I'm in, like, a little bar comedy."

Ennis Esmer, *The Listener*'s Osman 'Oz' Bey
On his character's shift in employment

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It's *Twilights* out for 'too old' Pattinson



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Robert Pattinson says that "I couldn't do another *Twilight* movie. I'm too old" Other reasons he couldn't do another *Twilight* movie: 1) It would have to involve what's-her-cursed-cheating-name. 2) Those movies are worse than fried liver. 3) He'd rather stab himself in the face with a rusty screwdriver.

Peter Dinklage sums up *Game of Thrones* thusly: "Sexy sexy sexy, stabby



stabby stabby, beautiful language" That's about right, except that he forgot "Hodor, Hodor, wall, Hound, poison, dragon, dragon, dragon."

This week in unfortunate levels of intoxication

1) Justin Bieber is reportedly finished drinking codeine-laced sizzurp because he's "obsessed with working out and it's just really hard to do when you're high." 2) Channing Tatum describes himself a "functioning alcoholic." 3) A Tennessee man is arrested after he tried to have sex with an ATM and a wooden picnic table at a local bar. 4) Women are getting plastic surgery on their hands so their engagement ring selfies will look better.

Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin are still living together even though they've consciously uncoupled Awww ... that's so civilized and wonderful and gives hope to everyone terrified they'd inadvertently end up in a relationship with Gwyneth Paltrow.



Kim Kardashian and Kanye West GETTY IMAGES

Kanye leaves wedding guests in altar-ed state

Quick: Try to think of the longest, most rambling wedding reception speech you've ever had to endure. Well, the one Kanye West gave this weekend might have been longer and ramblier.

As the whole world knows, the rapper married reality star Kim Kardashian on Saturday at Fort Belvedere in Florence. And according to E! Online, he followed that up by giving a 20-minute speech to the assembled horde of celebrity guests, in which he called the Kardashian family an "industry" and "the most remarkable people of our time" who can "make the

world a better place." West "went on and on about the culture of being in the lime-light and that all the spoofing and tabloid covers don't get him or the Kardashian family down. 'I am defined by being a celebrity ... the world is our altar,' he announced to a cheering room. 'We are not stupid!'"

The site also reported that West "got very heated during certain parts of his speech, but he also had very sweet things to say about his new bride. He called her the 'ideal celebrity' and the 'ideal art,' and he gushed about spending 'every day of my life with Kim.'"

Unhappily Eva after losing role



Eva Mendes GETTY IMAGES

Eva Mendes is apparently bitter rivals with Oscar nominee Jessica Chastain — even if Chastain is completely unaware of it. Mendes "feels an intense, one-sided rivalry that stems from when she lost out to Jessica for the role of Maya in *Zero Dark Thirty*," a source tells Radar Online. Complicating matters is the fact that the actresses reportedly share a talent agent. "Their agent is caught in the middle and is trying hard to keep them apart and on different career tracks, but Eva's declaration that she wants to audition for the same roles has made things all the more complicated," the source says.

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Six signs you're a shopaholic

Spending like a drunken sailor?

Figure out how to say bye-bye to buy-buy binges



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If I had a nickel for every email I got from people telling me that they think they might be a shopaholic, I could buy ... well, I'd save the money, actually. It seems that the Buying Bug has become a social disease. So how do you know if you've been bitten? Here are six clues:

1. You have *all* the toys. You may not be in the red, but your closet is jammed to the rafters with stuff. Chronic spending is often unconscious spending, so you may not even know you're doing it. Take a look around. Do you seem to have a version of every popular trend? Is your home stuffed to the rafters? Are there things you've bought that are still in the box or hanging in your closet with the tags on?

2. You're sure shopping will cure what ails you. Emotional shoppers turn to the high they derive from spending money to compensate from the low they're feeling in their lives. I hate to burst your bubble, but shopping isn't going to make up for a crappy childhood. Nor will it cure an unhappy career, a



Bagged again? Perhaps it's time to give shopping the sack. ISTOCK

disintegrating relationship or anything else that ails you emotionally. If you're buying to feel better, you're spending for the wrong reasons.

3. Your favourite phrase is "Oh, why not?" All of us fall prey to impulse shopping from time to time. But when "Oh, why not?" comes out of your mouth more than once or twice a year, you've got an impulse control problem. The problem for people who can't curb their desire for immediate gratification is that they're not prioritizing. They've lost (or never had) the ability to figure out if they can do without, so they're living in debt or, worse, a centi-

metre away from destitution.

4. Spending makes you feel rich. You like showing off that you've got money to spend. As counterintuitive as it may seem, some people become chronic spenders out of a fear of poverty. It can be a self-esteem thing, too. If you have a trophy kitchen but you're not cooking, take it as a sign.

5. Don't worry, be happy. You don't like to think about money. So you don't. You never bother to check your receipts. You don't keep a running balance of what you've spent. You just go blissfully along, running up a

new credit card balance. Even if you pay it off faithfully, you're luckier than you are smart.

6. A \$5,000 credit limit means you have \$5,000 to spend. Not to put too fine a point on it, but your credit limit is not actually money in your pocket. When you shop on credit and don't pay your balance off in full, you're spending money you have yet to earn. What will you do if you suffer a reversal of fortune, e.g., get sick, lose some hours at work, or get laid off? If your credit card balance runs close to your credit limit every month, consider yourself a chronic spender.

5 steps to recovery

If you think you might have a serious shopping problem, try the following:

- **Figure out your buying patterns.** Take an inventory of what you own. If you have 30 pairs of shoes, only five of which you wear regularly, steer clear of shoe stores.
- **Quell the urge.** Take 24 hours and postpone buying what you think you want.
- **Cut back.** If you always buy two or three, buy only one.
- **Simplify.** Buy only the basic necessities such as food and transportation and keep track of every penny you spend.
- **Quit cold turkey.** Throw your credit cards behind the refrigerator and pay for everything with cash. Hey, that debit card is cheating!

As a society, we already have way more stuff than our parents. Do we really need more? At some point we've got to move back to the idea that acquisition of stuff should fulfil our needs, not make us work longer and longer hours to accumulate things we don't even have time to use.

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Keep the little sprouts on veg



Want your Sweet Pea to eat her spinach and all the other veggies that are good for her? Don't tell her it will make her as strong as Popeye. ISTOCK

A recent study led by Dr. Ayelet Fishbach of the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business indicates that children who are told certain foods will make them stronger, smarter or taller are less likely to want to eat them.

"We propose that young children infer from messages on food instrumentality that if a certain food is good for one goal, it cannot be a good means to achieve another goal," Fishbach explains in an article slated for publication in the October 2014 issue of the *Journal of Consumer Research*.

"As such, if food is presented as making them strong ... these children will conclude

the food is not as tasty, and will therefore consume less of it."

In short, the study concludes that the best way to foster healthy eating habits in young children is to avoid telling them how fruits and vegetables will make them stronger, taller or smarter.

To reach these findings, researchers carried out five experiments on a sample population of 270 preschool-aged children (ages three to five). The study found that children ate more of a food when it was presented without commentary or when it was presented simply as tasty, without any indication of its "usefulness."

AFP

Turn over healthy leaf

- Meanwhile, a separate study published last year in the journal *Psychological Science* found that teaching kids about nutrition through books could boost their vegetable intake.
- Scientists from Stanford University found even very young children, aged four and five, could benefit from a conceptual framework that encourages them to understand why eating a variety of foods is healthy, the researchers said.
- Over time, kids chose to eat more vegetables.

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Money 101. Two couples, one year to make them richer

Halfway to accomplishing their goals



Since January I have been working to improve the finances of two Canadian couples. By focusing on growing their net worth, we have tackled debt, bought a home, prepared for the arrival of a new baby and started preparing for the long term — eventual retirement. Follow along every month as we examine each couple's bank accounts, work through any challenges they face, and celebrate all of their financial accomplishments along the way. — Lesley-Anne Scorgie/For Metro



Anne-Marie and Peter are eagerly anticipating the birth of their baby. SHUTTERSTOCK

Anne-Marie and Peter

With two weeks left before their baby arrives, Anne-Marie and Peter have raced toward firming up their insurance coverage, finishing their nursery and putting the final touches on their maternity-leave budget.

With feelings of parental protection kicking in, Anne-Marie and Peter have amped up Anne-Marie's insurance policy provided through her employer and completed their wills. Both acts will provide extra security for their growing family.

Anne-Marie now has three times her basic salary in a death benefit, approximately \$200,000. She also signed up for \$500,000 in accidental death and dismemberment insurance and dependent life insurance, which gives \$15,000 for Peter and \$7,500 for their child, should either pass away. Her new insurance plan costs \$35 per month.

Peter's employer offers minimal life and accident insurance, so he is seeking term life coverage — "use-it-or-lose-it" insurance — through an independent provider.

The couple will consider a whole-life policy, one where your beneficiaries are guaranteed a payout, in a few years. Currently, those poli-

Anne-Marie and Peter recap

- Location: Toronto
- Ages: 37 and 33
- Occupations: Broadcasting and sports editing.
- Total household income: \$110,000.
- Life stage: Expecting their first child in June.
- Financial savvy: Medium — they use budgets to help guide spending, have some retirement savings, and are committed to paying off debt.
- Top goals for 2014: Pay off debt, start a savings program for child's education and down payment on first home.
- Current net worth: \$86,000
- Homework from May: Finalize their wills, research investments for their RRSPs and confirm freelance work opportunities for Peter.

cies are too expensive.

The couple is focused on improving their RRSPs, and is researching their mutual funds. Reviewing their current portfolio revealed that although Anne-Marie and Peter are balanced medium-risk investors, they are currently invested in a low-risk portfolio, with only one year of performance history. So they are exploring opportunities to transition into a balanced mutual fund portfolio containing a blend of bonds and blue-chip stocks with more than 10 years performance history. Though past performance isn't indicative of future performance,

it provides insight into how the mutual fund has been managed in the past.

Peter is in the process of confirming his freelance opportunity valued at approximately \$18,000. These funds would eliminate the couple's debts.

Homework:

Anne-Marie and Peter will focus on selecting new investments, welcoming their baby, applying for a social insurance number for the baby, and setting up their child's registered education savings plan.

THE NAMES OF BOTH COUPLES HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO PROTECT THEIR PRIVACY.



Do-it-yourself home improvements, such as painting, will save Carolina and Jose some money. SHUTTERSTOCK

Carolina and Jose

Caroline and Jose became homeowners in May.

After searching unsuccessfully, being outbid by other buyers and fighting the temptation to compromise on their wish list, the couple finally found a suburban townhome that meets the needs of their growing family — and still meets their budget constraints.

The townhome is well located near schools and transit, which will ease Jose's commute to work and reduce Carolina's time in the car driving their girls to and from various activities.

Though the townhome needs a little work, I have provided Jose and Carolina with a list of low-cost, high-impact home improvements that they can start to tackle themselves, like painting, changing knobs and making small repairs rather than replacing larger items like their furnace.

The final purchase price on the property was \$250,000. Jose's parents gave them \$25,000 for the down payment. On the recommendation of their mortgage broker, Jose and Carolina used part of the down payment to pay off their mini-van loan, and, using the remaining funds, secured a 25-year fixed-rate mortgage with a five-year

Carolina and Peter recap

- Location: Calgary
- Ages: 33 and 31
- Occupations: Stay-at-home mom and roofing.
- Total household income: \$62,000.
- Life stage: Three daughters ages six, three and one.
- Financial savvy: Medium to low — they recently established a budget, are very frugal spenders, have no retirement savings, and are committed to paying off debt.
- Top goals for 2014: Pay off debt, buy a house and visit family.
- Current net worth: Minus \$7,000
- Homework from May: File their taxes, create a plan for their tax return and look for a home.

term at approximately three per cent interest.

This decision reduced their overall interest expenses, and allowed them to qualify for a more suitable mortgage.

The couple's concerns over closing costs, which are typically one to two per cent of the home's value, have been tempered through Jose's recent job promotion and raise, insurance savings by eliminating the mini-van loan and receiving a healthy tax return.

Homework:

The focus for Carolina and Jose throughout June is to pack up and move into their

new home as efficiently and affordably as possible — leaning on friends and family for support — while continuing to maintain their household budget, which is officially in the black. To build on the couple's financial momentum, primarily resulting from the gift of the down payment, they will also begin the process of creating a plan to officially move their net worth into a positive position by the end of the year.

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Rounding out the sweetness of shrimp



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A skewered shrimp kebab is a great appetizer or main course, especially when served over top a bed of tender spaghetti.

The combination of apricot preserves and hoisin sauce in this Apricot Glazed Shrimp Skewers and Spaghetti recipe goes well with the sweetness of the shrimp.

Shrimp are a low-fat and low-calorie protein source. A four-ounce serving has only 120 calories and two grams of fat and contains about one third your daily protein intake. Shrimp are also an excellent source of selenium and vitamin B12. You can also use a variety of fish such as scallops, or a

Ingredients

- 16 medium shrimp (about 12 oz), peeled and deveined
- 16 wooden skewers (about 6 inches long)
- 1/4 cup apricot jam
- 1 tbsp oyster sauce
- 3 tbsp hoisin sauce
- 3 tbsp chopped fresh basil
- 4 oz whole wheat spaghetti
- 2 tsp sesame oil

Nutritional information

Per serving (four skewers)

- **Calories.** 263.5
- **Carbohydrates.** 40.7 g
- **Fibre.** 5.6 g
- **Protein.** 20 g
- **Total fat.** 3.1 g
- **Saturated fat.** .8 g
- **Cholesterol.** 128 mg
- **Sodium.** 376 mg

firm white fish such as swordfish, cod or halibut.

In terms of good quality pasta, Catelli has launched a preservative-free whole-wheat pasta with only wheat as the ingredient.

If you're using wooden skewers, soak in water for 20 minutes before grilling to prevent the wood from burning.

Directions

1. Thread the 16 medium, peeled and deveined shrimp onto the skewers.

2. Combine the apricot jam, oyster and hoisin sauce in a

small bowl. Stir well and set aside half of the sauce. Brush the other half over the shrimp.

3. In the meantime, cook the pasta in boiling water just until tender, approximately 5 minutes. Drain well, add sesame oil and put on a serving plate.

4. In a grill pan or a skillet lightly coated with cooking spray,



This Apricot Glazed Shrimp Skewers and Spaghetti recipe makes 16 skewers. ROSE REISMAN

sauté the shrimp, just until they are no longer pink,

about 5 minutes. Serve over top of the pasta, drizzle

with the remaining sauce and garnish with basil.

Professor, please give me a positive plug

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When you need your teacher to vouch for you, make sure you reach out with respect

LAKSHMI GANDHI

Metro World News

Recommendation letters have always been a big part of the graduate school application process.

Along with your transcripts, essays and standardized test scores, these letters provide admissions officers a window into your academic interests, job performance, and, ideally, your personality.

Students thinking about applying to graduate programs and fellowships in the fall should start thinking now about which professors they would like to ask to recommend them.

Because writing detailed recommendations can be very time-consuming for faculty members, taking these simple steps can make the entire process go smoother for everyone.



Make it a point to participate in class, as it's a great way to both stand out and allow the professor to get to know you. ISTOCK

Ask someone who knows you

"My biggest tip is 'Make sure the professor really knows you,'" said Julie Dodd, a professor in the College of Journalism and Communications at the University of Florida. Dodd often blogs about jobs and internships on her blog

Thoughts on Teaching.

"Even if you've been in a small class with a professor, that doesn't mean that they know you," she points out.

It's also a good idea to talk to your professors about your life outside of class. Don't be shy about inviting a professor to a concert you are per-

forming in or mentioning the play that you are producing. While they may not be able to come, extending the invite is a great chance to talk about your interests and goals.

Dodd recently recommended a student who had taken a class with her while he was a sophomore, yet made it a point to regularly stop by her office for two years afterwards.

When he asked her for a job recommendation, "I was really invested in him," she said. "I wanted him to get a job."

Ask as early as possible

A good recommendation letter takes time to research and compose, so it's important to be respectful of the faculty member's schedule.

Ask at least a month before your deadline, says Dodd, though earlier is always better. Keep in mind that a lot of other students are also asking for letters and that the deadlines all tend to fall around the same dates.

"Sometimes it's a matter of time," said Dodd of why she sometimes has to turn students away. "They ask you right after another student

Please and thank you

Remember that you are asking for a favour

- Writing letters while juggling a teaching schedule and other responsibilities is a time-consuming process.
- Be sure to ask nicely and to send a thank you note when the applications are all in. Also, be sure to let your instructor know which school you selected in the end. Don't leave them wondering.

asks, and you don't have time to do them all."

Ask in person

Schedule a meeting with your professor so you can discuss the schools you are applying for, your goals, and why you want to go to grad school. Making a request for a recommendation over email or just after class can seem too casual and rushed.

Dodd adds that you should

also tell your professor why you would like a recommendation from them specifically. "A key part of this is saying to a teacher why you want a letter from them. Saying something like, 'I think as a student, you really saw me as a writer,'" lets the professor know why you requested them in particular.

Take no for an answer

You want your recommendations to be from people who are enthusiastic about you and your abilities. "Every letter you write is a reflection of you as a recommender," said Dodd, noting that she's also told students who were chronically absent or who missed deadlines exactly why she wasn't able to assist them.

If a professor tells you that they are not the best person to write your letter, believe them and move on.

Give them all the information they need

Make a folder with a copy of your resumé, a note with all of the classes you took with the professor with the semester listed, and a list of all of programs you're applying to.

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Dodgers' Beckett no-hits Phillies

Josh Beckett pitched the first no-hitter of his stellar career and the first in the majors this season, leading the Los Angeles Dodgers over the Philadelphia Phillies 6-0 on Sunday.

Beckett struck out six, walked three and didn't come close to allowing a hit against a lineup that included two former NL MVPs and four former all-stars.

The 34-year-old right-hander, whose career was almost derailed last year by a nerve condition that left him unable to feel his fingertips, threw 128 pitches and fanned Chase Utley on a called strike three to end the game.

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MLB

Verlander can't stop Tigers' skid

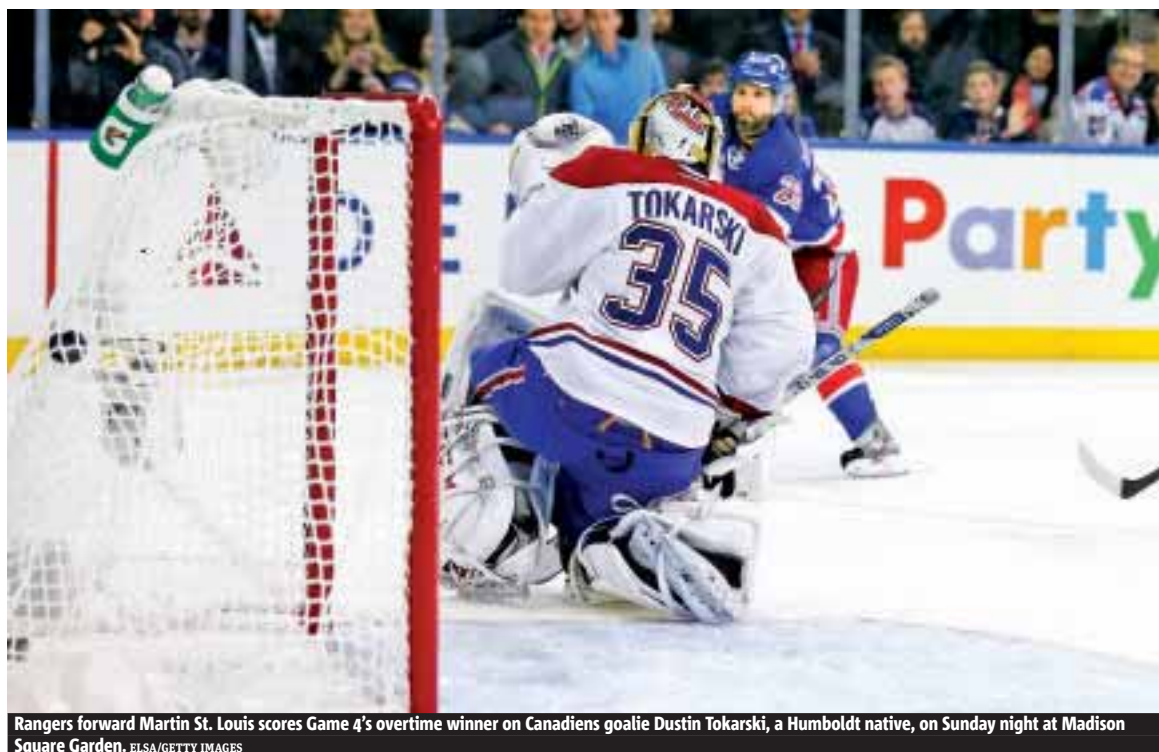
Justin Verlander is tinkering away, trying to figure out how to stop this stretch of substandard outings.

"Right now, I'm not in a place where I can repeat my delivery every time, and that's what I need to fix. But I'll get it straightened out," Verlander said.

"It's a rough patch, but this is a great baseball team. That hasn't changed."

Verlander allowed nine runs — six earned — in 5 1/3 innings Sunday, and the Tigers were routed again by the Texas Rangers, 12-4. Detroit has lost six of seven, allowing 57 runs in the process.

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Rangers forward Martin St. Louis scores Game 4's overtime winner on Canadiens goalie Dustin Tokarski, a Humboldt native, on Sunday night at Madison Square Garden. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

St. Louis' OT tally puts Habs on ropes

NHL playoffs. Sniper's clutch play continues as Rangers take 3-1 lead in Eastern Conference final

Game 4	
3	2
Rangers	Canadiens

Martin St. Louis scored in overtime to move the New York Rangers one win away from their first Stanley Cup final in 20 years with a 3-2 victory over the Montreal

Canadiens on Sunday.

The win marked the first time the home side had won in the Eastern Conference final.

Carl Hagelin had a short-handed goal and assisted on the overtime winner, and Derrick Brassard also scored for the Rangers in regulation.

Francis Bouillon and P.K. Subban scored for Montreal, while David Desharnais chipped in with two assists.

Hagelin opened the scoring 7:18 into the game on a backhand shot from Brian Boyle and Ryan McDonagh, and the Rangers took a 1-0 lead into the first intermission despite being outshot

11-9.

Bouillon put the Canadiens on the board eight minutes into the second period, but Brassard's goal with 56 seconds remaining in the frame gave New York a 2-1 advantage.

Subban tied the game two minutes into the third period, scoring Montreal's only power-play goal on seven chances in regulation. The Canadiens couldn't convert on a power-play opportunity in overtime. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oil Kings of the Canadian junior jungle



The Edmonton Oil Kings react after beating the Guelph Storm in the Memorial Cup final on Sunday in London, Ont. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Edmonton Oil Kings coach Derek Laxdal did not have enough adjectives to describe his team after winning the Memorial Cup on Sunday in London.

"We're just resilient, gutsy, courageous, dynamic. What do you say about these kids?" Laxdal said. "They weren't picked to be here and we're here, we won it and we're champions."

Pretty simple when you break it down that way, but not so easy when you form your game plans against one of the best junior hockey

teams in the country in the Guelph Storm.

But to a player, they all gave Laxdal credit after the Oil Kings upset the Storm 6-3 to win the Memorial Cup.

Laxdal and the players shared this win with their late teammate, Kristian Pelss, who passed away last year after a diving accident back in his home country of Latvia.

"There is a lot of deep feelings for Kristian. The guys responded. But you know what? These kids did it for each other in the dressing room, too. Kris-

tian was looking at us from above and he was shining down when we needed him."

Henrik Samuelsson agreed with his coach.

"Everyone knows about the passing of Kristian Pelss and he was a good buddy of mine. I know he was watching over us today and definitely had a part of it," Samuelsson said.

Samuelsson had two goals and three assists. Edgars Kulda added a goal and two assists and Cody Corbett, Tyler Robertson and Mitch Moroz added singles. DAVE LANGFORD/METRO

First week on top. Scott wins at Colonial, retains No. 1 spot in the rankings

Adam Scott made a 7-foot birdie putt on the third hole of a playoff Sunday to end his first week as the world's No. 1 player with a victory at Colonial.

Jason Dufner, who made a 25-foot birdie putt on No. 18 in regulation, slid a 40-footer past when he and Scott played the 18th hole for the second time during the playoff. Scott then made the 7-footer for his 11th PGA Tour victory.

Scott replaced the injured Tiger Woods at the top of the ranking last Monday and will stay No. 1. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Adam Scott
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Hunter-Reay edges Castroneves

Ryan Hunter-Reay cools off with a bottle of milk after winning the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday. Hunter-Reay passed Helio Castroneves on the final lap to deny the Brazilian a record fourth Indy 500 win and became the first American since 2006 to win "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." Scan the image for a gallery of the 98th running of the 500-mile race. **JONATHAN FERREY/GETTY IMAGES**

Ibaka comes back, Thunder strike

Game 3 victory. Westbrook, Durant shine in Oklahoma City's victory to cut San Antonio's lead to 2-1

Serge Ibaka scored 15 points in a dramatic return from what was thought to be a season-ending left-calf strain to help the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the San Antonio Spurs 106-97 on Sunday night in Game 3 of the Western Conference finals.

Russell Westbrook had 26 points, eight rebounds and seven assists, and Kevin Durant added 25 points and 10 rebounds to help the Thunder cut the Spurs' lead in the series to 2-1.

Ibaka started after missing the first two games of the series. The Thunder had said he likely would miss the rest of the playoffs, but the team changed course Friday.

Manu Ginobili scored 23 points and Tim Duncan added 16 points and eight rebounds for the Spurs.

Ibaka, who also had seven rebounds and four blocks, pointed to the sky as he left the game to cheers with 3:17 remaining and the Thunder ahead by 20 points.

The Thunder outrebounded the Spurs 52-36 after losing the



Serge Ibaka, left, and Kevin Durant of the Oklahoma City Thunder celebrate late in the second half against the San Antonio Spurs during Game 3 of the Western Conference Finals on Sunday in Oklahoma City. **RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES**

battle of the boards in the first two games. San Antonio, which shot at least 50 per cent in the first two games, shot just 40 per cent on Sunday night.

San Antonio won the first two games by a combined 52 points, but things were different with Ibaka's return. Thunder coach Scott Brooks also inserted speedy Reggie Jackson into the starting lineup in Thabo Sefolosha's place. Jackson finished with 15 points.

The crowd roared when Ibaka's name was announced during pregame introductions, and it got even louder when he started playing. He had eight points, three rebounds and two blocks in just over six minutes of play in the first quarter.

Twice in the final minute of the first half, Ginobili hit 3-pointers, and both times, Westbrook answered with a 3-pointer. The last one, with 0.6 seconds left, gave the Thunder

a 57-53 lead. Oklahoma City shot 56 per cent in the first half, but turned the ball over 12 times. Ginobili had 20 points and made 5 of 7 3-pointers before the break to keep the Spurs close.

Oklahoma City extended its lead to 83-76 at the end of the third quarter. A runner by Durant, then a 3-pointer by Caron Butler pushed the Thunder lead to 90-76 with just over 10 minutes to play. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

How sweep it is: Blue Jays break out brooms vs. A's

Left-hander J.A. Happ pitched seven scoreless innings and Edwin Encarnacion homered as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Oakland Athletics 3-1 on Sunday to extend their winning streak to a season-best six games.

The Blue Jays (29-22) have won 16 of their past 21 games to occupy first place in the American League East. The Athletics (30-20), who lead the AL West, have lost four in a row.

Happ (4-1) allowed four hits and three walks while striking out seven in his longest outing of the season.

Dustin McGowan re-

On Sunday	
3	1
Blue Jays	Athletics

placed Happ in the eighth and allowed Josh Donaldson's 11th homer of the season. Casey Janssen pitched the ninth inning to earn his seventh save in as many tries this season.

The Oakland A's left-hander Drew Pomeranz (4-2) allowed five hits, four walks and two runs in four-

plus innings.

The Blue Jays did not have a hit until Encarnacion homered to left on a 2-2 fastball with one out in the fourth. It was his 14th of the year and the 12th of the month, tying him with Jose Bautista for the team record for homers in May. The run also snapped a string of 18 consecutive runless innings for Pomeranz.

Reyes finished the game with three steals, tying a career best for the shortstop, who has done it eight times.

The last time the Blue Jays were alone in first place later than May 24 was July 6, 2000.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

This should be one of the most enjoyable times of the year but if you want it to be really special, be more optimistic. A lot will depend on your state of mind. It creates your reality.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The moment you start seeing yourself as a victim is the moment you lose. No matter what others may be saying and doing you are master of your fate. Think like a winner again.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

For some time now you have been doing too many things for too many people and hardly anything for yourself. That must change. Start putting your own needs first this week.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Impulse buying could be a problem over the next few days, so keep a tight hold on your cash and credit cards and make sure you can return anything you buy later.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

There is so much you want to do in life but you are beginning to wonder if time and opportunity have passed you by. No they have not. It's not really about time, it's about motivation. What can you do now, this very minute? Do it!

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

People in positions of power will make demands of you over the next few days that you may find hard to meet. Stay calm and keep your mind free of fear. Always think logically and always act quickly.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Things that have been hidden from you in recent weeks and months will be revealed over the next few days. Try not to dwell on the many little things that make up your life. Only the big picture matters now.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

What is the most important factor in success? It's knowing what you want. If you still don't know what you are aiming to do with your life, you must give it some thought this week.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

The most important thing over the next few days is that you don't give anyone the authority to make decisions on your behalf. Stay in control of your destiny because everything else depends on that.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If you feel run down as the new week begins that's a sure sign you have been overdoing it. Put your wellbeing first and don't worry that you might fall behind. You're still well ahead.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You will take great strides over the next few days but where to? You have so many options open to you now but you need to choose one and stick with it.

Pisces

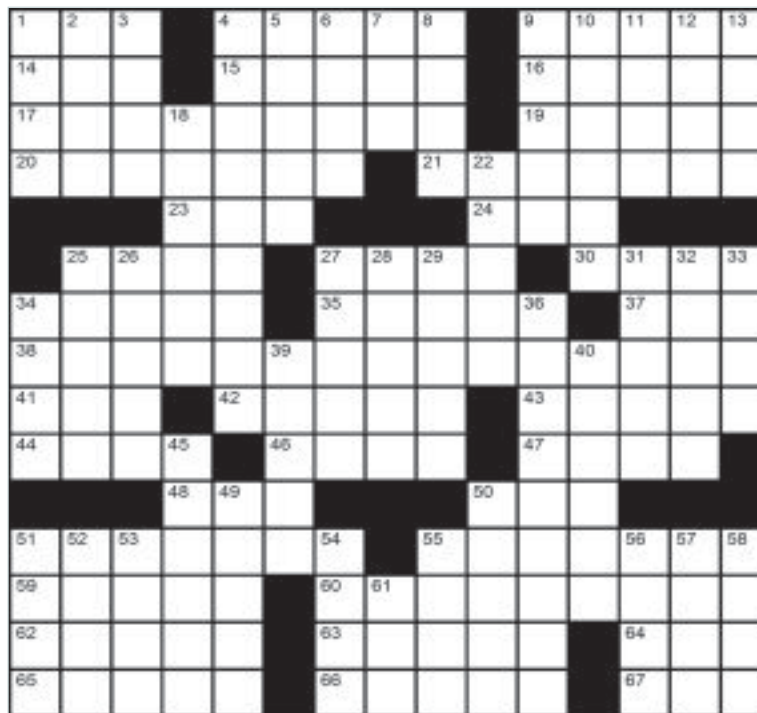
Feb. 20 - March 20

You are carrying a load at the moment and need to find someone who can help take the strain. The good news is there are people you have done favours for who would like nothing better than to return the compliment. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Letters-in-a-row
4. Charles Dickens novel, ___ House
9. Actor Jimmy
14. Some vowels
15. Big Wreck's "The ___ (___ Luck Is Wasted)"
16. Army academy attendee
17. Edmonton: LRT Service = ___ Transit
19. Canadian doctor, the 'Father of Modern Medicine', William ___ (b.1849 - d.1919)
20. Bird: French
21. Stratford, ON born single-named songstress
23. 'Meth' suffix
24. Depleted
25. Bell town in a Longfellow poem
27. Winter reminder in the garage
30. Large amount
34. Cartoons voicer Mel
35. Music chord type
37. "The Simpsons" character
38. Sitcom starring Barbara Eden: 4 wds.
41. Become
42. ___-ovo vegetarian
43. Just starting something out: 2 wds.
44. Iron and Lead
46. Vodka brand
47. Farm team
48. Founded, briefly
50. Caf' serving



51. Remove, as a necklace
55. Painter Mr. Monet's
59. Map items
60. Alternative medicine practitioner
62. Cultural standards
63. ___ Lama
64. 'Serpent' suffix
65. James' role in "The

- Godfather" (1972)
66. Bagpipes sound
67. Tree's 'liquid'

Down

1. ___ Alto, California
2. Prince Harry's grandmother, briefly
3. Cheats
4. St. Albert, AB, 'The

- ___ Arts City'
5. Johnny ___ (John Candy "SCTV" character)
6. Internet-sent transmission
7. Pierre's pal
8. Mr. MacLachlan
9. Director Ridley
10. Pulvarizes potatoes

11. Still
12. Golfer, when at the golf peg, say
13. Houston baseball player, informally
18. Explorer-to-Canada, Samuel ___ (b.1745 - d.1792)
22. Ms. Frost, Jude Law's ex-wife
25. Tree type

26. ___ au sucre (Quebec dessert 'sugar pie', in French)
27. Toronto ___ Exchange
28. Elevated
29. Savour
31. "___ talk?" (Joan Rivers' classic catchphrase)
32. Concerning bees
33. Two singers/One song
34. The ___ (Nick-name of Montreal's 1976 Summer Olympics stadium)
36. Canadian-invented product in the pantry: 2 wds.
39. Boat poles
40. TV: "After the break...": 2 wds.
45. "Cityline" guest expert, Kimberley ___ (Interior Designer)
49. Cheeky
50. Cloudiness of vision
51. Scottish musician Midge's
52. Say ___ (Refuse)
53. Lyricist Sammy
54. High degs.
55. Gladiator's 951
56. Podium
57. Cirneco dell' ___ (Dog breed)
58. Elvis dog song: "Old ___"
61. Acorned tree

Yesterday's Crossword

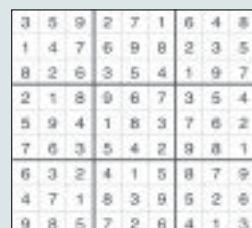


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Today

22°/11°
Showers
70%

Tuesday

22°/9°
Partly cloudy

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